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RACKET INVOLVING UNMETERED CALLS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a racket of unmetered calls has been unearthed at a Meerut telephone exchange as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated January 26, 2000;

(b) if so, the details of modus operandi of the racket; (

(c) the estimated losses suffered by the Government due to this particular racket;

(d) whether similar rackets of unmetered call are flourishing in other cities and towns as well, in connivance with the telecom officials ; and

(e) if so, the facts in this regard and action taken by the Government to check such rackets in future? . . . . . .

Answer

MINSITER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)
(a) No, Sir. No such racket as reported in the Hindustan Times, dated 26th January, 2000 has been detected.
(b)& (c): Not applicable in view of (a) above
(d) & (e): Some incidents get reported wherein misuse of STD/ISD facilitieshave been noticed involving different modus operandi. Involvement of telecom officials, if any, is promptly investigated and suitable action taken in each case. Besides, critical studies of different technologies have been made and suitable modifications in the systems have been decided and implemented to stop such misuse. All field offices have also been instructed to keep special watch on such possible misuse.